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HEMP QUESTION POLICE MINISTER'S INITIATIVE TO PROTECT CANNABIS PRICES IN SA.

SA's Police Minister Stephen Baker has been praised by HEMP for his outspoken portrayal of SA's "drug laws as being disasterous" .

Minister Baker's new moves attacking the ten plant limit however seems designed to drive prices even higher. "Tough new laws" will do nothing but temporarily reduce supply, raise the cost, add to corruption and maximise harm to the community, as Nobel Prize winner Miltion Friedman has pointed out.

HEMP spokesperson Jamnes Danenberg said by boldly sticking to the private enterprise model and acting to maintain our competitive advantage, this was an obvious economic move clearly designed to protect cannabis industry , and will keep the price of Cannabis artificially high.

Mr Baker, in making it harder for backyard growers to supply themselves is playing into the hands of the real "Mr Bigs", organised criminals who can afford protection from corrupt Police. The recent revelations from the Tomlinson report, that drug-related corruption is endemic throughout all levels of the WA force can only be tackled by bold and innovative solutions, as Royal Commissioner Justice James Wood has noted.

The Polices' assertion that our laws have opened a "loophole" ignores that draconian legislation in Queensland still hasn't stopped a \$600 million black market trade in Cannabis.

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